

College Goal Alaska

Sample Event Kick-Off Script for Sites with a main presentation and/or speaker

Hello and welcome to College Goal Alaska!

My name is _____ and I'm with _____. I'm also the College Goal Alaska Coordinator for _____one of more than 30 sites across Alaska.

Today we will be helping you fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. By filing this form you apply for federal grants including the Pell, student loans, and work-study. But you also apply for a lot of other aid including state programs like the Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant. It even includes many campus-based or private scholarships. In other words... you do not have to fill out a separate form for all these programs.

College Goal Alaska is brought to you today by the Coalition of Alaskans Supporting Higher Education. This group is a partnership between the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, the Alaska Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (ALASFAA), the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Education Consortium, and the University of Alaska Statewide.

Before we get started let me go over a few housekeeping items:

The rest rooms are located _____

In the event of an emergency the exits are _____

We do have several people I would like to thank for being here today!

- Our Financial Aid experts with the Bright Lime Green lanyards from _____ (name your college(s) here). These are the people who will be answering your individual questions. Raise your hand high if you need their help on the FAFSA.
- All other volunteers have the Olive lanyards. These volunteers may not be able to answer detailed questions related to the FAFSA but they'll certainly point you in the right direction or get an expert to you.

I would also like to remind you that we have an online survey for you to fill out before you leave – complete the survey and you will be entered to win a \$700 cash scholarship, donated by Bilan Chiropractic – this prize will go to one lucky College Goal Alaska attendees from one of the more than 30 sites across Alaska.

Let's go ahead and get started! (If you are not the presenter, add: I am happy to turn things over to our expert and presenter: _____ who comes to us from: _____)